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## HUGHES HAS SAFE LEAD

### Democrats Have Not Given Up Hope. Returns Coming in Very Slow

### HUGHES LEADING IN DOUBTFUL TERRITORY

Just before midnight Vance McCormick, Democratic campaign manager, gave out the following statement:

"We do not concede the election of Hughes by any means. President Wilson can still win by the vote of the states from which we have heard nothing. The Pacific Slope states are still to be heard from and all indications are that they are for Wilson. We have given up New York and indications are that we have lost New Jersey. We have got Massachusetts and Delaware and Maryland appear to be safe. We have heard nothing from Shadow Lawn indicating that they have given up hope."

Fairly accurate returns up to 1 o'clock this morning indicate that Justice Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate has been elected President to succeed Woodrow Wilson.

Early returns indicated that Hughes had carried the whole of New England, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Colorado. Later returns show that Ohio is in doubt. Seemingly California and Oregon are in the Hughes column, while the smaller Western states are to be heard from.

The Democrats carried the solid South by the usual majority. They have also carried Maryland, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Arkansas. In addition to Ohio, Massachusetts seems to be in doubt. It appears that Henry Cabot Lodge has been defeated for the senate in the latter state by the Democratic candidate. The Republicans claim a clean sweep of all state officers in New York and New Jersey. Col. Theodore Roosevelt has expressed thanks for the outcome.

In the state election the regular nominees have received the accustomed vote. The vote which some thought would go to Mr. Blease as against Governor Manning did not materialize. Only nine votes were so cast at the Abbeville box, while there was a Republican and Progressive vote of eight. The movement to elect Mr. Blease over the regular nominee seems to have fallen flat.

#### MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

The Second Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will meet in Abbeville, on next Saturday, 11th. The second Presbytery comprises Western South Carolina and portion of Georgia and Florida. About thirty ministers and twenty elders are expected to be present at the meeting.

The first business session will be held Saturday night. The delegates will remain through Sabbath, and the business will be finished on Monday.

#### A FIRE IN TOWN.

There was quite a little bit of excitement Monday at one o'clock when the fire company was called on to put out the fire up in Mrs. Taggart's back yard. An old out house was burned, but the boys soon put an end to the blaze. No other damage was done.

#### NUMBER OF SALES MADE MONDAY BY MASTER

There was a good crowd in the city Monday and Master R. E. Hill made the following sales:

Watson vs. Gibert, Tract No. 1, 80 acres, \$28 per acre bought by W. B. Wilson; All the other tracts were bought by J. M. Nickles, attorney, tract No. 2, 110 acres, \$12; No. 3, 71 acres, \$10; No. 4, 40 acres, \$10; No. 5, 21 acres, \$17.50; the home place brought \$3,800.

In the case of Bibb vs. Bibb, 120 acres were bought by W. B. Bibb for \$1,780.

Richardson vs. Mrs. Lila B. Wilson, tract No. 1, 78 acres, \$1,850, J. L. McIlwain; No. 2, 62 acres, \$1,300, and No. 3, 57 acres, both by J. H. Moore, attorney for \$1,300 and \$1,200.

Jas. F. Clinkscales vs. Mrs. Etta Nance was bought by Mrs. Nance for \$645.

#### REV. J. M. LAWSON DIED SUDDENLY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Was County Superintendent of Education Past Four Years

Rev. J. M. Lawson died at his home in Abbeville Sunday morning at four o'clock, Nov. 5th, 1916. He was only sick a few hours, being stricken about twelve o'clock and, never regaining consciousness, he died at four.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at half past four o'clock on Sabbath afternoon, a great concourse of people being present to attest their respect for the dead and their sympathy for the family. The services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Daniel and assisted by the other ministers of the city. The interment was made at Long Cane cemetery.

Mr. Lawson was born and raised in Abbeville and for many years was one of our most prominent merchants, succeeding his father in business. About twenty years ago he entered the ministry of the Methodist church, holding different charges until about four years ago when he retired. He was regarded by all as a devout and sincere christian, he visited the sick and suffering, he was kind in his charities, a loving and an indulgent father. Mr. Lawson took much interest in preaching at the county farm and his kindly visits and simple sermons will be missed by the inmates of the home.

On the resignation of Mr. W. R. Bradley as county superintendent of education, Mr. Lawson was appointed to fill the term and has held the office ever since.

About twenty-five years ago Mr. Lawson was married to Miss Jodie Russell, and to them were born five children, Mrs. J. T. McGaw, of Columbia, Russell Lawson of Columbia, and Lewis, Hiram and Lemuel Lawson of Abbeville, all of whom survive. His sister, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, and a brother, Mr. Hiram Lawson are also living and have the sympathy of a host of friends.

Many beautiful floral offerings expressed the friendship of the people of Abbeville for the family and for the deceased.

Mr. Lawson was a man of sentiment and of deeply religious thought and he has always expressed the hope that his death would occur so that he could be buried at sundown on the Sabbath day and his wishes were carried out.

#### HOME AGAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hill are back from their wedding trip and are at home to their friends at the home of Miss Mamie Lou Smith until their handsome new house is finished.

#### AN ABBEVILLE MAN IS SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Jim White Fired Upon Without Warning Saturday Night.

Jim White, who lives just over the Abbeville county line, declares that he was shot from ambush Saturday night when he was returning home from Greenwood in his buggy. He came to town yesterday and was given medical treatment for flesh wound received from a scattering of No. 4 shot from his hip down to his ankle and returned home later little the worse for his experience. He had one foot hanging outside the buggy and this is the reason the load sprinkled him from the heel up.

White states that he was fired on from ambush near the roadside. His assailant gave no alarm whatever, but pulled down on him and then made his escape. The wounded man has no idea who did the shooting and is just as much in the dark as to why he should have been used as a target.

#### FRANK DORN KILLED ON ABBEVILLE ROAD

Automobile Turns Over Crushing Skull and Causing Almost Instant Death.

Frank Dorn was accidentally killed near Abbeville last Saturday night, while on his way back to the County chaingang camp. Mr. Dorn was in the car with Lucien Schroeder and they were driving at a stiff speed when it was seen that they were about to run into a buggy in front. The car was swerved to the side, turned over, throwing Mr. Dorn off against the bank and fracturing his skull, death resulting in less than a half hour.

Mr. Dorn was from Indianapolis, Ind., and his body was sent there for burial at the request of his mother and sister, who survive him.

Mr. Dorn has been connected with the chaingang for some time and has recently been promoted to foreman to succeed D. E. Newell.

#### HERE FROM DUE WEST.

Rev. Mr. Stevenson and Dr. Kennedy came down from Due West last Sabbath and worshipped with the Seceders. They would not accept our invitation to dinner, saying that they had only come down to hear Mr. Plaxco preach. Such patriotism deserves a reward and they will have to come back again prepared to spend the day, and fortify themselves with a good dinner before making the return trip.

## COUNTY FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

By far the largest crowd ever seen at a fair in Abbeville county came here on Friday, the closing day of the seventh annual county fair, the principal features of this day being the football game between Erskine and Baily Military Institute, and the parade of more than 1,200 school children from all sections of the county, and the daily horse racing in the afternoon.

The fair this year was altogether the greatest success in the history of the association, and established new records for attendance.

While the farm exhibits were few in number, such products as were exhibited attracted much attention and favorable comment from the throngs of visitors who passed through the exhibit halls during the fair. The live stock department made up for any shortage in the farm exhibits, however. More than 40 horse and mule colts were shown on the first day. In the hog exhibit the Duroc-Jersey was the favorite.

The winner in the pig club was Miss Kate Bell Hagan, brood sow,

first. This sow also won first prize at the State Fair. R. E. McDonald won first prize on porker and Herbert Williamson first on stock hog.

Mrs. Frank Benton, who has charge of the tomato club work in the county had her exhibits complete in every detail and every section of the county was represented among her exhibits. Some of the prize winners in this department were: Misses Mary Black, Amy Suber, Elizabeth McCarter, Daisy Lanier, Grace Dousby, Alma Nance, and Ola Winn.

Abbeville Coca-Cola Bottling company won first prize for best decorated float, and L. W. White company won second.

The horse racing which was held daily at 2 o'clock was of the highest order and attracted good crowds.

The fair association is already busy laying plans for a still greater fair next year. According to one of the officers of the association a campaign will be inaugurated at once to interest a number of farmers in each section of the county, thus giving them a year in which to prepare exhibits.

## Mass Meeting of Citizens Pledge Support to Officers in Discharge of Their Duties

Resolutions strongly condemning recent violent acts of lawlessness committed in Abbeville and the spirit of lawlessness that seems rife, pledging support to the city and county officers, and calling a meeting of citizens of Abbeville county, to be held in Abbeville next Monday at noon, were unanimously adopted at a mass meeting, well representative of Abbeville, held in the county court house Monday afternoon.

The resolution:

We, the citizens of the city of Abbeville in mass meeting assembled, do hereby express in unqualified terms our disapproval of the recent violent acts of certain persons committed in our community, and the spirit of lawlessness that seems rife in the county, resulting in continued acts of law breaking. In order to prevent further acts of lawlessness it is,

**RESOLVED:** That the Sheriff of Abbeville County, the Mayor of Abbeville, the Police Force, and every officer of the county and city, be urged to use every effort to enforce the law and to protect the citizens of the town and county regardless of condition or color.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That we do hereby pledge ourselves as individuals to give to the officers of the law our physical support in maintaining the law.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That if it be necessary to carry out this determination that the aid of the State and Federal Government be called in order that every citizen may enjoy his rights under the constitution.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a committee with Capt. J. L. Perrin as Chairman, be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what can be done towards the organization of a local military company for the protection of the citizens of this county and for maintaining order in the premises. That this committee be empowered to act in the premises.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** THAT EVERY CITIZEN OF THE TOWN OF ABBEVILLE BE ASSURED of the protection of the men of this meeting as long as he obeys the laws of the state, and pursues only his own legitimate business.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a meeting of the law-abiding citizens of Abbeville County be called to meet in this Court House on next Monday at noon to perfect an organization for enforcing law and order in this county, and that every community in the county be represented at this meeting, and that steps be taken to show to the people of the state and United States that the men of Abbeville County will defend the law, and protect the citizens of the commonwealth in the enjoyment of all rights guaranteed by the law.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of this meeting to the Governor of State and that copies be given the Press.

#### HERE ATTENDING THE FUNERAL OF MR. LAWSON

Mr. Will Lawson of Spartanburg, Mr. Hiram Lawson of Calhoun Falls, and Miss Mary Lawson Link, who is teaching school at Chester, were in the city on Sunday to attend the funeral of Rev. J. M. Lawson.

#### LYNCHING SUBJECT OF SERMON

The daily papers in South Carolina as well as the weekly papers have had editorials in the lynching at Abbeville, strongly condemning it. Dr. Swope in a sermon last Friday at Abbeville, spoke in strong terms on this subject. On last Sabbath Rev. J. P. Pressly preached from the text "Thou shalt not kill." He was followed with profound attention throughout the discourse and warmly commended at the close by his congregation. He said the sermon was called out by the lynching at Abbeville and the shame and humiliation that every right thinking man in the county felt over such an outrage. Mr. Pressly said that public sentiment ought to see to it that the officers of the law took steps to prevent in the future such an outrage in Abbeville county. A number of citizens of Abbeville have said during the past few days that it was the worst thing that has ever happened in the county and that they felt greatly humiliated over it.—A. R. Presbyterian.

#### ABOUT A MERE LAWYER.

That a mere lawyer can produce so bright a newspaper as The Press and Banner of Abbeville is astonishing. Nothing contributes so much to the renown of the legal profession in this State at this time as does the journalistic talent of William P. Greene. Perhaps, Mr. Greene, unlike many other distinguished members of his profession, is after all, not a mere lawyer. However, his father-in-law, the late Gen. R. R. Hemphill, was one of the cleverest writers for the press of his time in South Carolina and that may explain it.—The State.

#### FIVE WHITE MEN CHARGED WITH WHIPPING NEGRO

Case of Will Cann in Hands of Federal Authorities.

Will Cann, Sing Finley, George Scott, Will Scott and Claude Hughes were arrested by the city police about 7 o'clock Saturday evening, charged with whipping some negroes out near the fair grounds. All the parties were released by the police under bonds of \$100 each.

Later Saturday night Will Cann was re-arrested and lodged in the county jail charged with interfering with a special delivery boy of the local post office. The delivery boy, a negro about 15 years old, is said to have been roughly handled.

The cases were heard by jury in the police court Monday morning, resulting in a mistrial.

Mr. Cann has been released on \$500 bond in the case of interfering with the special delivery boy.

#### THE WEATHER.

The rare day in June and the perfect days which are said to follow have given place to the gorgeous days of October and November. It seems to us that the sun has shined brighter, the trees have been more beautiful and the air softer and sweeter this fall than ever within our recollection. Such beautiful days add much to the pleasure of life.

#### PROMOTING ABBEVILLE MAN

John Frasier Livingston has been promoted from assistant agent at Lexington, to agent at Rock Hill for the Southern. His friends in Abbeville are delighted to know of any good luck that comes his way.